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ABSTRACT

This brochure presents 10 reasons for becoming a teacher: (1) to ignite the spark of curiosity in children; (2) to practice three of life's valuable virtues: kindness, patience, and understanding; (3) to experience the joy of seeing children learn to read, write, and do arithmetic and set them on a path to success in school and in life; (4) to share one's love of learning with young minds and help students discover their potential; (5) to see the world through a child's eyes while sharing one's knowledge, and to learn something in return; (6) to make the same kind of difference in a child's life as one's favorite teacher once made in one's own life; (7) to help children understand the diversity of cultures and values that make the country strong and proud; (8) to serve children, the community, and the country; (9) to turn one's love of learning into a love of teaching; and (10) to share one's passion for teaching and learning. The brochure also contains a letter from Laura Bush. (SM)

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2 To practice three of life's most valuable virtues: kindness, patience and understanding.

3 To experience the joy of seeing children learn to read, write and do arithmetic – and set them on a path to success in school and in life.

4 To share your love of learning with young minds and help students discover their potential.

5 To see the world through a child's eyes while sharing your knowledge – and to learn something in return.

10 GOOD REASONS

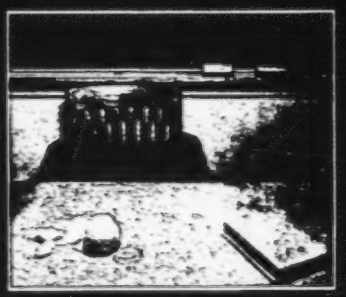
6 To make the same kind of difference in a child's life as your favorite teacher made in yours.

7 To help children understand the diversity of cultures and values that make our country strong and proud.

8 To serve children, your community and your country.

9 To turn your love of learning into a love of teaching.

10 To share your passion. If you like seeing a child's eyes light up with understanding, you belong in the classroom.



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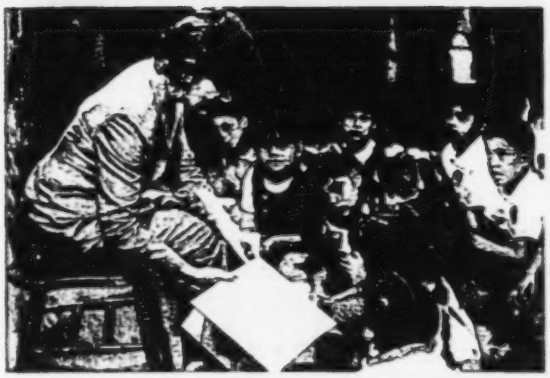

Dear Friend:

As a former public school teacher and librarian, I know firsthand the rewards that come from teaching. Looking into a child's eyes as she learns how to read or solve a math problem generates a special feeling of excitement and accomplishment.

People all across our great nation express their desire to make a difference in America, to share their pride in our country's values, to shape the future for our children. When they ask me what they can do to find personal and professional satisfaction, my advice is simple: become a teacher.—Just as firefighters, police officers and rescue workers have become our nation's heroes, so, too, have America's teachers. Teaching is a noble profession. The challenges of teaching are outnumbered only by the rewards that come from helping children realize their dreams.

America will face a severe shortage of highly qualified, capable teachers over the next decade. Whether you are a student, a professional considering a career change, or a retiree, the time is right to become a teacher.

By opening this pamphlet, you are taking the first step back to the classroom – this time as a teacher. You will make a difference – for yourself, for your students, for our nation. America's children are counting on you. Serve our children and our country. Together, we will ensure that every child learns and has a bright future.

Mrs. Laura Bush

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